

Mr. Vince Ryan  
Harris County Attorney  
1019 Congress, 15th Floor  
Houston, Texas 77002

Re: San Jacinto River Waste Pits Superfund Site

Dear Mr. Ryan:

Thanks you for your letter to Ron Curry dated January 11, 2016, regarding the rock cap covering the San Jacinto River Waste Pits Superfund Site. Although the damaged area has been repaired, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) shares your concerns including the need to better understand what happened at the damaged area, to identify what future steps should be taken, and what changes should be made to the inspection and maintenance program for the cap as a whole.

Your letter has been forwarded to the Corps of Engineers. In addition, the other partner agencies, including the Texas Commission on Environment Quality and the Port of Houston Authority, have been provided a copy of your letter and asked to recommend any other issues for evaluation in addition to your recommendations. The EPA will then ask the Corps to perform an independent review of the cap addressing these issues, and will continue to work in close coordination with Harris County and the other partner agencies throughout this process.

Sincerely,

Carl E. Edlund, P.E.  
Director  
Superfund Division